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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**IPC7 F25D 11/02**

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC F25D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
Korean Patents and applications for inventions since 1975Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
eKIPASS "rerigerator&dispenser&(ice*cold-water)"**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 11-304331(TOSHIBA CORP) 05.11.1999 Claim 1-2, Fig. 6-8, page [0027] ~ [0033]	1-4, 13, 22, 28
A	US 4543800 (White Consolidated Industries, Inc) 01.10.1985 Claim 1, Fig. 1, Col. 3-4	1, 6, 8, 13-16
A	US 5956967 (LG Electronics Co., Inc) 28.09.1999 Claim 1-2, Fig. 1,3, Col. 3-4	1, 6, 10-13, 28-30
A	US 5211462 (Sub-Zero Freezer Co., Inc) 18.05.1993 Claim 1-2, Fig. 1-3, Col. 2-3	1
A	KR 98-83727(SAMSUNG Electronics co.,LTD) 05.12.1998 Claim 1-2, Fig. 1-3, page 2, line 27-62	1



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